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SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
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The October 22, 2019 meeting of the Senior Citizen's Advisory Board was held at 135 Bolton Road, Vernon, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carole Slattery at 9:35 AM. In attendance were the following members of the Board: Patty Noblet, Roxann Lannan, John Mytych, Patricia Iamonaco, and Maryann Hopowiec. Also in attendance were Director Maureen Gabriele, Town Council Liaison Bill Campbell, Edward Slattery and Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator. Absent were William Tyler, Wes Shorts and Ron Kane.

No one attended to speak at the Public Forum.

Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator attended the meeting to bring the Board up to date on the activity/programs at the Center. The Fitness Center contract has been selected and we are anticipating a November 1, 2019 start. The outside areas are almost done, after issues with the contractor the pickle and shuffleboard courts are being corrected and redone. The charging station is awaiting additional signage. Administration is here for whatever you need. Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on the recent storm and began a discussion relative to the policies of the Senior Center.

The policy of closing with the schools began and was intended to mirror the closings due to inclement weather conditions ie., snow. A discussion took place with the Board relative to the recent wind storm and the power losses associated with the storm. What was the Boards feeling about keeping the Center open during non-snow events? After a long discussion, a motion was put on the floor by Patricia Iamonaco seconded by Roxann Lannan to keep the center closed when the schools are closed and utilize social media and media outlets to communicate with the senior population. The recommended outlets were WFSB, instituting a hotline

for call-in questions and placing advance information in the newsletter ie., hot line number etc.

Minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting were forwarded to Board Members prior to the meeting. After review and a motion made by Maryann Hopowiec and seconded by Pat Iamonaco the minutes passed unanimously.

No Secretary's Report

An update to September's ***Treasurer's report*** was presented. The balance in the savings account as of September 1, 2019 was \$39,360.56, two deposits were made; one from interest earned of \$68.00 and one from Sonier Estate of \$1000.00 bringing the total to \$40,428.56.

No Committee Reports were presented.

Director Maureen Gabriele added to the updates from Mr. Purcaro. In terms of the fitness area, we are working with the equipment vendor to replace the rack and dumbbells. Going forward Select Physical Therapy will assess the room, equipment, and supplies and report back to the office on their needs and or issues. The Kitchen: we will begin serving lunch on the November 5th if all goes well. Staff has been certified in the Serve Safe System. The menu for the lunch will be an insert in the newsletter for now. The newsletter needs to be larger, we are growing so quickly sixteen pages aren't enough. Collette Tours will begin working trips for us on a commission basis. Watch the newsletter for more information to come. The Center averages approximately 110-119 visitors daily.

No Chairman's Report was presented.

No New Business was presented.

No Old Business was presented.

Adjournment a motion was made by Patricia Iamonaco and seconded by Maryann Hopowiec. The motion passed unanimously at 10:43 AM

Next meeting is November 19, 2019 at 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wheelock
Recording Secretary